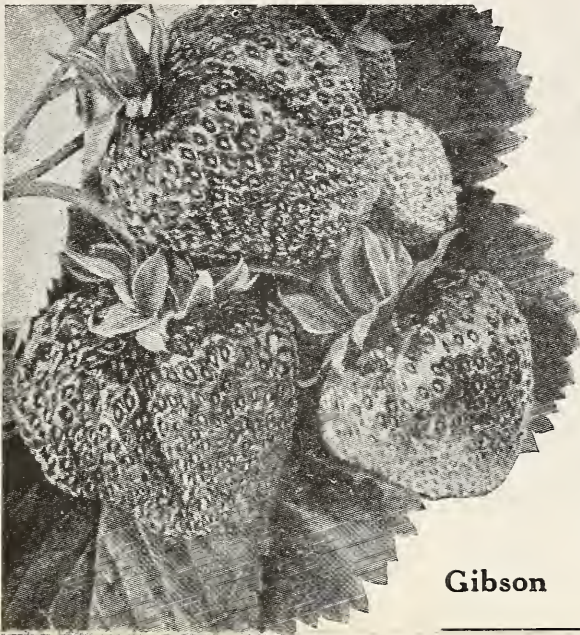


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### General Information

**Express Shipments**—I advise shipping by express. I believe it is the cheapest and best way to ship, except on small orders, of twenty pounds or less, and for short distances.

**Parcel Post**—The parcel post weight limit is seventy pounds for the first three zones. Packages weighing fifty pounds may be shipped to all zones. Add to your order for each hundred plants—

1st and 2nd zone—\$0.10	6th zone—\$0.33
3rd zone—\$0.12	7th zone—\$0.41
4th zone—\$0.19	8th zone—\$0.48
5th zone—\$0.26	

Ask your Postmaster or mail carrier what zone you are in from Fosters, Saginaw County, Michigan. Then by referring to the above table you can easily determine the amount of postage needed to have your plants shipped by parcel post. If you do not include postage with your order, we can ship your plants C. O. D. postage, but of course your Postmaster will charge you a little extra for collection.

**Remittance**—Remit by Post Office Money Order, Express Money Order, Bank Draft, Registered letter or your personal check. Make all orders payable to Balesky's Plant Nursery, Fosters, Mich.

**References**—As to my reliability, I refer you to the Birch Run State Bank, of Birch Run, Mich., Postmaster and Express Agent of Birch Run, Mich., German American Bank, of Frankenmuth, Mich., and the Postmaster of Fosters, Mich.

**Location**—If you live within driving distance, you will find my nursery located 2½ miles west and 1 mile north of Birch Run. I am connected with long distance telephone. Call Birch Run operator. All mail should be addressed to Fosters, Mich.

### NUMBER OF PLANTS REQUIRED TO PLANT ONE ACRE

Plants 12 inches by 3 feet.....	14,520
Plants 18 inches by 3 feet.....	9,680
Plants 18 inches by 3½ feet.....	8,297
Plants 24 inches by 3½ feet.....	6,222
Plants 24 inches by 4 feet.....	5,445
Plants 30 inches by 3½ feet.....	4,356

## INTRODUCTION

I IN PRESENTING you this little folder for your favorable consideration I wish to state that I have grown more acres of plants this year than in former years and it is very gratifying for me to tell you that at this writing November 12th, 1923 I have already booked orders for more than 70% of my entire crop. For this reason I am not going to send you a large catalog this year and kindly ask you to order what plants you need direct from this folder. The above is sufficient reason that you place your order as early as possible while all varieties are still in stock. My crop of plants this year is the finest I have ever grown. They are grown by correct methods. By skillful soil management; by constant and careful cultivation; by allowing ample room for each plant to grow; by thorough spraying; by all these means and others I mature annually acres of choice strawberry plants with powerful roots, sturdy crowns and unimpaired vitality.

### STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### Certificate of Nursery Inspection No. 2820

This is to Certify, that I have examined the nursery stock of H. F. Balesky, Fosters, Michigan and find it apparently free from dangerous insects and dangerously contagious tree and plant diseases. This certificate to be void after July 31, 1924.

### BUREAU OF FOODS AND STANDARDS

W. P. Hartman, Director.

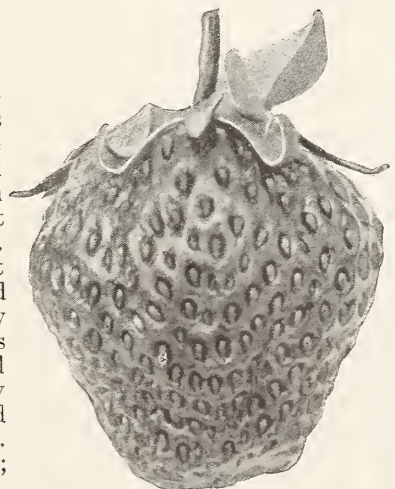
Lansing, Mich., September 20, 1923.

✓ **SENATOR DUNLAP (Per).** A mid-season variety. The Dunlap is now so well known among strawberry growers that it needs no introduction. Wherever strawberries are grown, fields of Dunlaps are a familiar sight. This variety has made more money for its growers throughout the United States than any other variety ever grown. It is impartial as to soil or climate and will produce large crops of fine fruit wherever planted. Berries are large, evenly shaped, rich crimson color, firm and of finest quality and flavor. It has nearly all the good points that can be desired in a perfect berry. Plants are vigorous growers, with long roots and sturdy crowns. You will make no mistake in planting Senator Dunlap for main crop. Price 100—\$0.75; 500—\$1.75; 1000—\$3.50.

✓ **PARSONS BEAUTY (Per).** A good mid-season variety. Plants are large robust growers with heavy roots and sturdy crowns. Berries are dark glossy red, large, firm and a good shipper. Very productive. Price 100—\$0.75; 500—\$2.00; 1,000—\$4.00.

✓ **POCOMOKE (Per)** Mid-season. A splendid variety and very productive. Plants are very vigorous growers with long heavy roots and plenty of them. Berries are round in shape, large in size, firm and of good quality. Price, 100—\$0.75; 500—\$2.00; 1,000—\$4.00

✓ **WARFIELD. (Imp).** Mid-season. This is one of the most productive varieties grown. Berries are medium to large, dark red color, very firm and one of the best canning berries grown. Plants are rampant runner makers and strong growers. Very hardy. Succeeds everywhere. Warfield is a pistillate variety and should be planted beside Dunlap or Dr. Burrill. Price 100, 75c; 500, \$1.75; 1,000, \$3.50.







**Senator Dunlap**

✓ **MICHAELS EARLY (Per).** Michaels Early is an old variety that has been among the early kinds for many years. Berries are light red and rather soft. It will not stand shipping well. The quality is fair. The flavor resembles that of the wild strawberry. Price 100—\$0.60; 500—\$1.00; 1,000—\$2.00.

✓ **GANDY (Per).** Late. A good variety. Should be planted on good rich soil to do its best. Plants are strong growers and the berries are large and firm, good in quality and a good shipper. Price 100—\$0.75; 500—\$2.50; 1,000—\$5.00.

✓ **GLEN MARY (Per).** Midseason. A good producer in some parts of the country. Berries are very large, irregular in shape with showy yellow seeds making it very attractive. Plants are large and healthy. Price 100—\$0.75; 500—\$2.50; 1,000—\$5.00.

✓ **BUBACH (Imp).** Mid-season. Berries are very large, conic in shape and bright scarlet in color. It is quite firm and fair in quality. If you are looking for a big fancy looking berry, try this one. Price 100—\$0.75; 500—\$2.50; 1,000—\$5.00.

✓ **PREMIER (Per).** King of the Earlys. Premier is the best and most productive early variety ever introduced. Berries are large in size, fine in quality and delicious in flavor. Premier is an extra early berry and ripens its fruit before Dunlap and Gibson thus making it a very desirable variety for early market. There are few varieties that possess the sterling qualities of Premier; many good things have been said about this variety and it is becoming very popular in many sections of the country. Price 100—\$0.75; 500—\$2.75; 1,000—\$5.50.

✓ **AROMA (Per).** Aroma is a fine late variety and on account of its productiveness is very popular with commercial growers throughout the country and particularly with growers of the southern states. Berries are large in size, conical in shape and are borne in large clusters. The quality and flavor is extra good and it is one of the very best long distance shippers grown. Plants are large and heavily crowned. Price 100—\$0.75; 500—\$2.25; 1,000—\$4.50.

✓ **BRANDYWINE (Per).** Late. This variety has been a favorite with growers for many years. Brandywine is a good producer of large berries of deep red color, firm and fine in flavor. It is a good canning berry, holding its shape, color and fine tart flavor after being canned. Plants are vigorous growers and thrive best on good rich soil. Price 100—\$0.75; 500—\$2.50; 1,000—\$5.00.

✓ **HOWARD 17 (Per).** Early. This is a good dependable early berry and growers will make no mistake in planting Howard 17 for an early market crop. Berries are very large, rich glossy red and of finest quality and flavor. Price 100—\$0.75; 500—\$2.75; 1,000—\$5.50.

## NO BETTER PLANTS GROWN ANYWHERE

I am very frank in making this statement, but every word of it is true. I sell strawberry plants all over the United States and some to foreign countries. Nurserymen and growers to whom I have sold plants, report that the roots on my plants average fully two inches longer than any they ever bought elsewhere. It makes no difference where you buy your plants, or what you pay for them—you can not get better plants.

## GRAPES

✓ **CONCORD (Blue)** Very productive. Bunch is large, berries sweet and juicy. Very popular throughout the country. Large two year old plants. Price each, 20 cents; 6 for \$1.00; 12 for \$1.75.

✓ **WORDEN (Blue).** Earlier than Concord. Berries large, good quality. Productive. Large two year old plants. Price each 25c; 6 for \$1.25; 12 for \$2.00.

✓ **DELAWARE (Red).** Very hardy. Good producer. Berries medium size. Large two year old plants. Price each, 20 cents; 6 for \$1.00; 12 for \$1.75.

## RHUBARB

**LINNAEUS.** This variety produces an abundance of large tender stalks of good quality. Price per large clump, 50c; 3 for \$1.25.

## GLADIOLUS

**MRS. LEE.** Fine rose-pink with cream throat. Mrs. Lee is a straight growing variety, tall spikes, 12 to 16 blooms on a spike. All large blooming size bulbs. Price each 3 cents; dozen, 30 cents; 50 for \$1.10; 100 for \$2.00; 500, \$7.50; 1,000, \$15.00.

## Balesky's Plant Nursery

**H. F. BALESKY, Proprietor**

**Fosters, Michigan**





## PLANTS TRUE TO NAME

I exercise the greatest care to have all plants true to name and unmixed. If for any reason a mistake should occur, I will refill the order free of charge or refund your money. It is however mutually agreed between myself and my customers that I am not to be held responsible for more than the price paid me for the plants.

## STRAWBERRY FLOWERS

All varieties marked (Per) have perfect flowers and will fruit when planted by themselves; those marked (Imp) have imperfect flowers and will not fruit unless planted beside perfect sorts. When planting imperfect varieties there should be at least one row of a perfect variety to every two or three rows of the imperfect one.

### ✓ CHAMPION (Per)

#### The New Everbearing Strawberry

A very promising new variety. Introduced by Edward L. Lubke of Berrien County. In a sworn statement Mr. Lubke says that he sold \$2,059.20 worth of Champion strawberries from one acre without irrigation. Following are his own words:

"We have picked in 169 days, 352 16-qt. cases or 5,632 qts. of Champion Everbearing Strawberries from one acre. This record was made in 223 days from the time the plants were set, Spring 1920 until November 14th, 1920, without irrigation of any kind. Our Strawberries averaged us \$5.85 per 16-qt. case. Total income from this acre was \$2,059.20 in 129 days. A record from one row, 280 plants we picked 151 qts. and have picked as high as 43 ripe berries from one plant at a time. The United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C., has no record that has exceeded this one from one acre without irrigation. We were awarded first prize in Berrien County for picking the most Strawberries to the acre in 1920."

Berries are medium to large and resemble the Dunlap in shape and color. Good in quality and delicious in flavor. Plants are strong, healthy and deep rooted. Price 100—\$1.50; 500—\$5.00; 1,000—\$10.00.

### ✓ PROGRESSIVE (Per)

#### Everbearing

The Progressive is as extensively grown among the everbearers, as the Dunlap is among the standard varieties. It is a good producer of medium to large sized berries that are sweet and delicious in flavor. They will bear a sure crop of berries



**Aroma**

ninety days after plants are set and continue to fruit until all vegetation is frozen in the fall. Plants have powerful roots and heavy crowns. Price 100—\$1.00; 500—\$4.50; 1,000—\$9.00.

✓ **GIBSON (Per).** Mid-season variety. Gibson is a fine variety and many growers prefer it to Dunlap. Berries are larger than the Dunlap and hold their size well up to the last picking. The fruit is large, glossy red, nearly round in shape, firm, and the flavor is as fine as can be found in any strawberry. Gibson is a very productive variety. Plants are large, have powerful roots and massive crowns. Price 100—\$0.75; 500—\$2.00; 1,000—\$4.00.

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To whom it may concern:

We, the undersigned, do state that BALESKY'S PLANT NURSERY, of Fosters, Michigan is owned and operated by H. F. Balesky, who is doing a very extensive strawberry plant business. Mr. Balesky is well known to us as a man of ability and honesty and we believe any one doing business with him will be dealt with fairly and honestly.

THE BIRCH RUN STATE BANK,

By Ernest R. May, Cashier.



**Premier**



## Testimonials



I received your strawberry plants O.K. and they sure are fine plants. Enclosed find P. O. Money Order for 1,000 more—namely: 500 Dr. Burrill and 500 Senator Dunlap. Please do rush for I fear I am late. Send any way to reach me soon. Those received are so fine I want more. Please do rush.

Your truly,  
MRS. JAMES H. NOLAN, Morrisonville, Ill.

The strawberry plants I ordered from you have arrived in splendid condition and I have already set them out. They were sure fine plants and I shall not hesitate to recommend you and your plants. Thanks for the extra plants.

Yours with best wishes.  
JACOB KEIM, Bethany, Ill.

All the strawberry plants I got of you last spring lived. Not even one died. I am well pleased. The everbearing strawberries just would bloom and bear, berries ripening now.

R. W. WALTERS, Springfield, Ohio

I received my strawberry plants in fine shape. I thank you very much.

Yours truly,  
FRANK LUHRSEN, Buckley, Ill.

Enclosed find Money Order for which send me 400 Senator Dunlap strawberry plants. Please rush these. I received the other order O.K. and am well pleased with them.

Yours truly,  
G. C. MAHLE, Washington, Ill.

I realize its getting late in the season, but I seen some of your plants and think they are the finest I ever saw, I want them any way. Please send them by parcel post.

EARL McDEARMON, Morrison, Ill.

**DR. BURRILL. (Per).** Medium early. A new variety of the Dunlap type. Berries are larger than the Dunlap and the plants are more productive. The fruit is very large and uniform in shape and size. The color is a rich dark red and the flavor is simply delicious. Plants have long roots and are vigorous growers. Price 100—\$0.75; 500—\$1.75; 1,000—\$3.50.

### PLEASE USE THIS ORDER SHEET BALESKY'S PLANT NURSERY FOSTERS, MICHIGAN

(Write Plainly to Avoid Mistakes)

Date.....

Name ..... Rural Route No.....

Post Office ..... County.....

State..... When Shall We Ship?.....

Shall We Ship by Parcel Post or Express?.....

Number of Plants	Name of Variety	Price

#### SHIPPING

Digging and shipping begins as early in the spring as weather permits and continues until about May 20th. All plants are one season's growth and are grown for nursery stock only. They are strong healthy well rooted stock and guaranteed true to name. All plants are dug fresh for each order, packed in plenty of damp moss to reach all customers in good growing condition.

Prices given in this folder are just as quoted; 500 plants at the 1,000 rate; less than 500 at 500 plants at the 1,000 the 100 rate. If your order amounts to 3,000 or more plants, write for special prices.